

15 September 1960

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Colonel White,
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Kent, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:



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President on his trips, and noted he had already spoken to Col. Edwards about this. Mr. Helms commented that there is such a committee within the Agency and undertook to furnish the Director a report on its activities as soon as possible.

The Director also commented that we should play up the fact that Khrushchev is bringing along with him Janos Kadar, the "Butcher of Hungary." Mr. Helms stated that there was a memo recommending such action on its way to the Director.

NOTE: DCI will discuss this at today's OCB meeting.

Mr. Kent commented that Howie Stoertz had also prepared an interesting memo on the possibilities that Khrushchev could well make some startling announcements regarding missiles, astronauts, etc. during the Council meeting. The Director also noted his intention of discussing this at today's OCB meeting.

In connection with Khrushchev announcements, it was noted that it was not beyond the realm of possibility that Khrushchev could bring along the RB-47 pilots and produce them together with appropriate statements before the Assembly. The Director agreed and remarked that in all probability Khrushchev might have a number of such announcements up his sleeve -- this will also be discussed at today's OCB meeting.

c. The question of a replacement for John Warner, Legislative Counsel, was discussed and Mr. Helms commented that in his opinion this was one of the most important posts to be filled in the Agency and he felt that the job should be filled by one of our most senior people. There was general agreement to this, particularly since it was pointed out that we might expect the next, and succeeding, sessions of Congress to be materially ^{more} ~~more~~ tough. Mr. Kirkpatrick commented that by machine record there are well over [redacted] lawyers in the Agency, and the selection of a Legislative Counsel is a problem. The Director said with all due respect to members of the Bar, he was not convinced that a law degree was an absolute necessity. Mr. Helms noted that he would be willing to nominate a senior member from the DD/P staff provided one with appropriate and acceptable qualifications can be found.

JK ACTION: Mr. Kirkpatrick will circulate a list of proposed candidates to the Deputies with the request that they submit additional nominees.

d. Noted a cable to Saigon, [redacted] and commented he felt that this message and in particular paragraph 6 contained policy which should have been considered at a higher level than a Division Chief.

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e. Asked Mr. Kirkpatrick for a memo setting forth the facts as we know them regarding an open letter written by an alleged group in the Department of State indicating that in their opinion CIA is taking over the policy functions of the Department of State.

MR. HELMS:

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attending the [redacted] He pointed out [redacted] as the Director knows, 25X1
has a number of contacts and it might be worthwhile to have him [redacted]
~~briefed~~. The Director concurred. *present for*

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